AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A resin composition comprising:

(i) 100 parts by weight of synthetic resin,

(ii) 0.1 to 10 parts by weight of calcium hydroxide produced by reacting an aqueous solution of a water-soluble calcium salt with an aqueous solution of an alkali metal hydroxide in the presence of an organosilicon-based ~~a silicon-based~~ compound, wherein the water-soluble calcium salt is calcium chloride or calcium nitrate, and wherein the alkali metal hydroxide is sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide,

wherein the calcium hydroxide:

(a) is represented by the following formula (1):

$Ca(OH)_{2-nx}(A^{n-})_x$ (1)

(wherein n represents an integer of 1 to 4, x represents a number of 0.001 to 0.2, and A^{n-} is ~~$SiO(OH)_3^-$, SiO_4^{4-}, or a mixture thereof~~,)

(b) has an average secondary particle diameter, measured by a laser diffraction scattering method, of 0.1 to 7 μm, and

(c) has a BET method specific surface area of 5 to 40 m^2/g,

and

(iii) 0.1 to 10 parts by weight of hydrotalcite represented by the following formula (2):

$\{(Mg)_y(Zn)_z\}_{1-x}(Al)_x(OH)_2(A^{n-})_{x/n}\cdot mH_2O$ (2)

(wherein A^{n-} represents ClO_4^-, SO_4^{2-}, CO_3^{2-} or a mixture thereof, and x, y, z and m satisfy $y + z = 1$, $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.5$, $0.5 \leq y \leq 1$, $0 \leq z \leq 0.5$ and $0 \leq m < 1$).

13-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original) The resin composition of claim 12, wherein the synthetic resin is a polyvinyl chloride or fluorocarbon rubber.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The resin composition of claim 12, wherein the weight ratio CH/HT of (ii) the calcium hydroxide (CH) to (iii) the hydrotalcite (HT) is 1/9 to 9/1.

22. (Previously Presented) The resin composition of claim 12, wherein the hydrotalcite is a product calcined at 200°C or higher.

23. (Previously Presented) The resin composition of claim 12, wherein the hydrotalcite is surface-treated with at least one surface treating agent selected from the group consisting of (a) a higher fatty acid, (b) an alkali metal salt of a higher fatty acid, (c) a sulfuric ester of a higher alcohol, (d) an anionic surfactant, (e) a phosphoric ester, (f) a silane-, titanate- or aluminum-based coupling agent, (g) a fatty acid ester of a polyhydric alcohol and (h) a silicon-based compound, a phosphorus-based compound, an aluminum-based compound, an inorganic acid and an organic acid.

24. (Original) A molded article comprising the resin composition of claim 12.

25-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) The resin composition of claim 12, wherein the calcium hydroxide is surface-treated with at least one surface treating agent selected from the group consisting of (a) a higher fatty acid, (b) an alkali metal salt of a higher fatty acid, (c) a sulfuric ester of a higher alcohol, (d) an anionic surfactant, (e) a phosphoric ester, (f) a silane-, titanate- or aluminum-based coupling agent, (g) a fatty acid ester of a polyhydric alcohol and (h) a silicone-based compound, a phosphorus-based compound, an aluminum-based compound, an inorganic acid and an organic acid.

32. (Previously Presented) The resin composition of claim 12, wherein the X-ray diffraction pattern of calcium hydroxide shows only the pattern of calcium hydroxide.

33. (New) The resin composition of claim 12, wherein the organosilicon-based compound is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of tetraethoxysilane, tetramethoxysilane, polymethoxysilane and a silane coupling agent.